

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled: **MULTI-POSITION, SPRING LOADED FILTER RACK**

described and claimed in the attached specification, that

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration, that

I do not know and do not believe the same invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than six months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that the application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: NONE

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